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From the Desk of the President



A Time For Thanks

The Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday seasons are a very special time in our lives for young and old. We all have so many blessings for which we can give thanks to our God. I find mutual joy in sharing this appreciative attitude with patients who feel that all has gone wrong. Most everyone can find many good things in their lives, even when faced with hard problems and heavy pressures, but it does require some degree of responsibility which supercedes an obsession with our "wants". We do live in an era of irresponsibility contingent upon selfish motivation resulting in the inevitable state of unhappiness. The more selfish and self-centered we are, the less appreciative we become.

In an attempt to take a responsible approach in helping the financially distressed patients in our area, a special committee of your Council has been studying ways and means of helping the indigent, and the ways to honestly establish that status. You will receive a questionnaire to help us with your evaluation of the problem. Please give it careful, rather than cursory, study and share your thoughts with us.

You have been a great Medical Society this year with progressively improving interest at the meetings and in our personal association. For this, I am most thankful. You have warmed my heart. There is great delight in service above self, which is the practical way to give thanks for our own many blessings. We must press for personal, professional, political and national responsibility as a means to national happiness.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

R. M. Kiskaddon



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Editorial

D. R. G. — MORE ALPHABET SOUP?

Franklin Delano Roosevelt created modern alphabet soup during the soup kettle days of the great depression. Numerous individuals and groups have nurtured this "gourmet" delight in all phases of American life during the succeeding half century.

Several years ago, following political "scientific" efforts to establish socialized medicine in this country, medicare with its special "spices" and "herbs" became a part of the American dream scheme for health. Subsequently, P.S.R.O. and U.R. were introduced to enhance quality and simmer costs. Soon there were almost more chefs than cooks. Confusion produced unhappy "diners" and "restauranteucrs".

Then, the federal "commissary" funded superchefs at Yale University to concoct a new "culinary" experience. The result — D.R.G. (Diagnosis Related Groups) — "political penicillin".

The cancer of care costs has evolved from many etiologies and will need many approaches to control. The D.R.G. caps on expenditures will force everyone to look more closely at the delivery system.

Physicians will need more careful evaluation of good histories and good physical examinations, tailored toward more specificity in diagnosis and management. The internists are pushing C.C. — "cognitive care": knowledgeable assessment of a patient's condition! Hospitals will have to look toward more efficient use of personnel and facilities. Researchers will have to focus on more relative areas.

The government will have to use judicious constraint on rules and regulations. The legal profession will need to appreciate legitimate claims versus irresponsible and harrassing litigation. The politicians will need to consider long-range public good over personal preferences. The media will have to avoid sensationalism.

The public will need to understand and to appreciate the scope and limitations of good, efficient health care.

Proliferation of rules, regulations, and impediments can lead to unimaginative, uncaring computer medicine. We must all join together to address the issues or we shall all suffer with intellectual indigestion from over concentrated and unsavory soup "solutions".

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PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

November 9, 1982

The regular meeting of the Council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held Tuesday, November 9, 1982 at the Youngstown Club.

The meeting was called to order at 7:52 p.m. by Dr. Kiskaddon.

The minutes of the previous meeting, having been read, were approved.

The bills were read and a motion made, seconded and passed to pay each bill.

The treasurer's report showed dues receipts for the year slightly ahead of dues collections a year ago. A comparison of interest income for the first nine months of 1981 and 1982 was included in the report.

Dr. Kiskaddon presented the copy of a letter to be sent to the chairman of the Medical-Legal Committee of the Mahoning Bar Association. After some discussion, the Council approved sending the letter.

The Council perused a copy of the Medical-Legal Guidelines from Westchester County but took no action concerning them.

A copy of a letter from Dr. Melvin Fader was read by Council. A motion was made and passed that Dr. Fader be thanked for sharing the letter with Council.

A chart showing Sodium Concentrates in Public Water Systems was studied by Council and a motion was made, seconded and passed that a copy of the chart be sent out with the next mailing to the membership.

A protest was raised by a member of Council concerning "health care industry" being used as a phrase to designate medical care services. A motion was made, seconded and passed to send the Sixth District Councilor a letter of protest and have him carry it to the next OSMA Council Meeting in Columbus.

A notice of the AMA Interim Meeting in Miami and a notice concerning the Youngstown Board of Education policy concerning head lice were both read but no action taken.

The Committee on Medically Indigent presented a report of its meeting and a proposed survey to be circulated among the membership. After some discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed that the survey be sent to the membership as the first step in implementing a program for the medically indigent.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented to the Council. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the report.

The resignation of Dr. A. G. Garg from Council was accepted and Dr. N. A. Jaffer was appointed by Council to fill Dr. Garg's unexpired term that runs through December of 1983. The position to be filled by Dr. Jaffer is Council-at-Large member.

The next meeting of the Society was announced as Nov. 16 at the Youngstown Maennerchor and is the annual Old Fashioned Medical Society Meeting.

A meeting of the Budget Committee was announced for Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 7:30 p.m.

The next Council meeting was announced for Dec. 14 at the Youngstown Club.

The December meeting of the Society will be held Dec. 21 and will include election of officers, presentation of 50-year awards, and presentation of the Doctor of the Year award. It will be held at the Youngstown Club, it was announced.

The AMA Interim Meeting in Miami was announced for Dec. 5-8 and the OSMA Leadership Conference in Columbus was announced for Nov. 11-13.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

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ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS OF CHOICE AGAINST SELECTED ORGANISMS ADAPTED FROM SANFORD¹ AND MOELLERING²

By Joseph P. Myers, M.D.

Please note that these are general guidelines which can be used when an organism is identified or highly suspected and sensitivity testing is not yet available (or cannot be done). Once sensitivity data are available, these data should be used appropriately. Also remember that the three S's must be considered in choosing therapy:

1. How Sick the patient is;
2. The Site of infection and the ability of the antibiotic to penetrate to that site; and
3. The antibiotic Sensitivity of the patient (i.e. possible allergies to antibiotics).

ORGANISM	ANTIMICROBIAL OF CHOICE	ALTERNATIVE AGENTS
Acinetobacter sp.	Gentamicin + Carbenicillin ^a	Trimethoprim/Sulfa- methoxazole (TMP/SMZ) Minocycline
Actinomyces israeli (Actinomycosis)	Penicillin-G or Ampicillin	Tetracycline Clindamycin
Bacillus anthracis (Anthrax)	Penicillin-G	Tetracycline Erythromycin
Bacteroides		
a) oral strains	Penicillin-G	Clindamycin Tetracycline
b) GI strains (esp. B. Fragilis)	Clindamycin	Chloramphenicol Metronidazole Carbenicillin
Branhamella catarrhalis	Erythromycin	Cephalosporin
Brucella sp.	Tetracycline + Streptomycin	Streptomycin Chloramphenicol
Campylobacter jejuni	Erythromycin	Tetracycline
Chlamydia trachomatis	Tetracycline	Erythromycin
Clostridia sp.	Penicillin-G	Tetracycline
Clostridium difficile	Vancomycin	Metronidazole
Coxiella burnetii (Q-fever)	Tetracycline	Chloramphenicol
Eikenella corrodens	Penicillin-G	Erythromycin Tetracycline
Enterobacter sp.	Gentamicin	Carbenicillin Cefamandole
Escherichia coli		
a) UTI (uncomplicated)	Ampicillin or Sulfa Drug	Cephalosporin
b) Systemic infection	Gentamicin	Ampicillin Cephalosporin Carbenicillin
Francisella tularensis (Tularemia)	Streptomycin	Tetracycline
Hemophilus ducreyi (Chancroid)	Sulfisoxazole	Erythromycin
Hemophilus influenzae		
a) life-threatening	Chloramphenicol	Ampicillin (if beta-lactamase negative)

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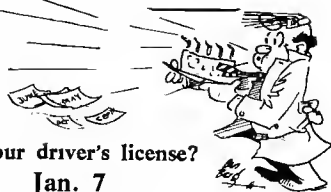
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Dec. 18 J. M. Kline A. P. Mirasol	Jan. 1, 1983 D. S. Lee V. K. Sethi	Jan. 9 N. J. Hazelbaker
Dec. 19 L. P. Caccamo T. L. Cohen D. J. Dallis S. R. Zoss	Jan. 2 N. C. Domingo D. W. Handel W. T. Martin R. R. Sambandham	Jan. 10 R. Albarran S. Cuddapah H. J. Hassel D. T. Yoder
Dec. 21 C. S. Peabody E. L. McIver	Jan. 3 J. B. Stechschulte S. R. Weiss	Jan. 12 M. U. R. Bhatti P. H. Huang A. S. Nagpaul D. VanRees
Dec. 23 A. E. Rapport	Jan. 4 A. A. Conte C. L. Paxson	Jan. 13 Y. V. Ginde
Dec. 24 N. A. Pappas H. S. Zeve	Jan. 5 R. W. Jackson E. U. Krishnan L. H. Scharf	Jan. 15 S. K. Seth W. H. Bunn, Jr.
Dec. 25 W. H. Evans R. D. Murray	Jan. 6 M. Guthikonda	

ANNUAL MEETING IS DEC. 21

The Annual Meeting and election of officers will be held Tuesday, Dec. 21st at the Youngstown Club. Primary business will be balloting and presentation of "Doctor of the Year Award" and 50-year Awards. Social period is at 6:00 p.m., dinner is at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting is slated to begin at 7:30 p.m.

The following were nominated for office at the November 16th meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society and they will be listed on the ballot for the December 21st meeting of the Society. Further nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting.

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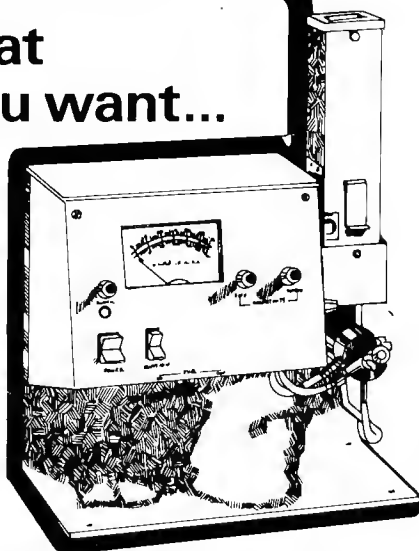
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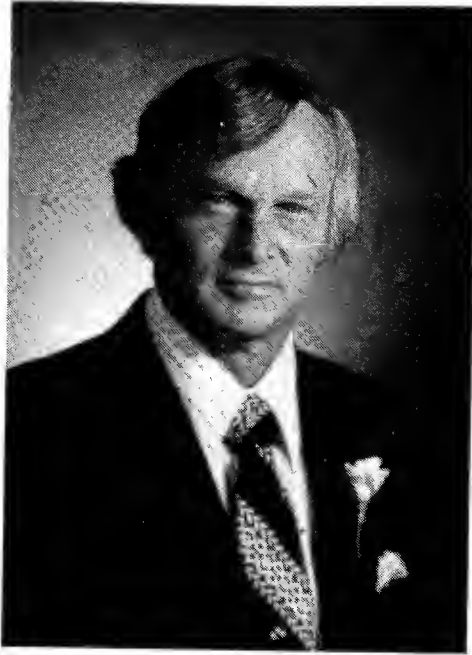
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DOCTOR OF THE YEAR

1982

JACK SCHREIBER, M.D.

The fifth annual "Doctor of the Year" award will be presented to Dr. Jack Schreiber at the Dec. 21st meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society at the Youngstown Club.

Dr. Schreiber was selected by the Doctor of the Year Committee on the basis of criteria established by the Society that includes Society, Professional, Public and Religious Involvement and Scientific, Artistic and Literary Achievement, as well as total years in the practice of medicine.

Dr. Schreiber has received seven recognitions from the Freedom's Foundation of Valley Forge, has been honored as Canfield "Man of the Year" in 1968 and has served as 1964 president of the Mahoning County Medical Society, delegate to the Ohio State Medical Association House of Delegates, and American Medical Association House of Delegates since 1976. He is a member of the Academy of Family Practice.

His numerous radio and television appearances both locally and nationally have made Dr. Schreiber well-known to the general public and have resulted in his being an accepted spokesman for the medical community. He received Physician's Speakers Awards in national AMA competition in 1978 and 1979 and is used for "consultation" by the local media when information is sought on medical matters.

He is a member of Zion Lutheran Church and is president of the congregation. He is also delegate from Ohio to the Lutheran Church of America and has been a delegate to the Ohio Synod for the past four years. In 1979, he was voted the Youngstown Area Protestant Man of the Year.

Dr. Schreiber is a member of the Board of Trustees of Wittenberg University, and member of the board and medical advisor of the local Red Cross Chapter.

An avid rose grower, Dr. Schreiber has won many blue ribbons in competitions at the Canfield Fair and other shows. He has run in three mara-

thons, most recently the 1980 Boston Marathon, which he finished in three hours and 45 minutes.

Dr. Schreiber has authored a number of articles that have appeared in Medical Times and other medical publications and had a prize-winning article published in Medical Economics.

With his home and office in Canfield, Dr. Schreiber came back home to practice medicine because he was a graduate of Canfield High School, Wittenberg University and College of Medicine of University of Cincinnati. He served in the Navy in World War II, and interned at Youngstown Hospital before establishing his practice in 1957.

Active in the Boy Scouts, Dr. Schreiber is an Eagle Scout.

His involvement in the local Society included being *Bulletin* editor, president in 1964, member of Council for 16 years, member of the Canfield Fair committee and chairman for the past 15 years and chairman of the Radio-TV committee.

YHA CME CALENDAR A/C

DECEMBER 16, 1982 8:00 a.m. Hitchcock. Medical Grand Rounds. "Charts and Litigation". Charles McGowen, M.D., and Attorney Eldon Wright. Cat. I and Presc. 1 hour.

DECEMBER 18, 1982. 8:00 a.m. Hitchcock. Tumor Conference. "Mesothelioma with Effusion". W. C. Reese, M.D., Moderator. Cat. I and Presc. 1 hour.

JANUARY 6, 1983. 8:00 a.m. - Hitchcock. All-Divisions, Surgery. "Current Status of Coronary By-Pass Surgery". Raphael Espada, M.D., Associate Professor of Surgery, Baylor University. Cat. I.

JANUARY 8, 1983. 8:00 a.m. Hitchcock. Tumor Conference. "Head and Neck Cancer". David Reed, M.D., Moderator. 9:00 a.m. Visiting Professor. "Surgical Approach to Head and Neck Cancer". Cat. I and Presc. 2 hours. (Pending).

JANUARY 13, 1983. 8:00 a.m. Tod I. Pediatric Grand Rounds. Cat. I - 1 hour.

JANUARY 13, 1983. 8:00 a.m. Hitchcock. Medical Grand Rounds. Cat. I - 1 hour.

DR. RAPPOPORT REPORTS

Let me give you a quick run-down of what I have been doing since leaving Youngstown. I am a very active consultant in laboratory operations, management, computerization, automation, and have a wide, national and international practice in these areas, so that I am still earning a pretty good living which Dolores, the children and I are experiencing in a lovely home on Porpoise Bay of Indian River (intercoastal Waterway) of Vero Beach. The Atlantic is only a few moments by bike. I have a powerboat, a sailboat, private golf course, tennis courts, sunshine, peace, quiet, and opportunity to accomplish something, which I think I am doing.

We go to Europe about three times a year on professional matters as well as fun and frolic. I am all over the USA almost every week on some airplane going somewhere on professional activities. I'm writing quite a bit, publishing enormous amounts, editing books and, in fact, even developing a pretty good golf game. So you see, all goes well.

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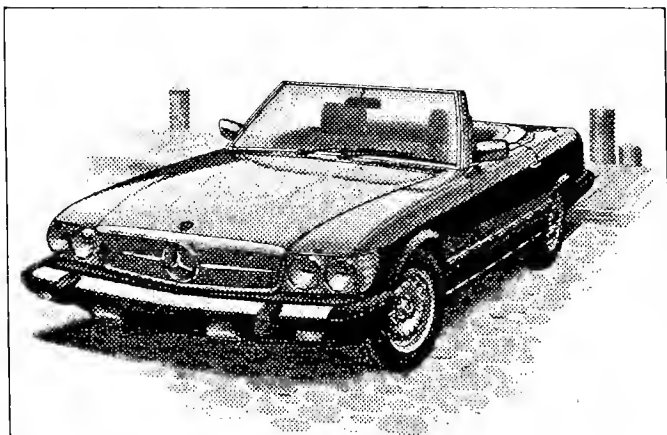
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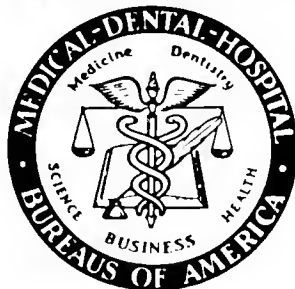
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From the Bulletin

FIFTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1932

At the annual election, Dr. J. P. Harvey was voted in as President and J. B. Nelson became the first President-Elect. That was the last time we elected a President.

Louis Deitchman became the Editor of the *Bulletin* and got out the first number from a room in the North Side Unit where he was recovering from an operation.

The Society put on a Public Health Meeting at the Stambaugh Auditorium. Dr. Haven Emerson from Columbia University was the speaker. It was intended to be a big public relations gesture; the publicity was well handled but there was a snow storm and bitter cold weather that night and only 500 people showed up. Very few doctors or nurses were noted in the audience. Council decided to discontinue the Public Health Meetings.

Dues were reduced from \$15.00 to \$10.00. The State Society got \$5.00 which left us with \$5.00 per member to run our programs. It was tough going those days.

Samuel J. Tamarkin and Peter Boyle became members. The Health Department reported 71 cases of smallpox in Mahoning County and 6 in Youngstown. That was more smallpox than there was in Germany, France and Belgium combined.

FORTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1942

After a month's absence the members were happy to return to the Youngstown Club for their meetings. The situation was confusing with both the President and President-Elect gone to military service. Elmer Nagel was voted President-Elect and took office immediately. He is the only man who ever served two full terms as President.

New names on the honor roll: David E. Beynon and Herbert B. Hutt. Lou Deitchman and W. H. Evans were at Great Lakes. Sam Klatman was ship's surgeon on an Army transport while the F.B.I. was hunting him as AWOL. Goldstein was wintering in Newport while Zeve was baking in Trinidad. Nelson was at Camp Breckenridge in Kentucky, Kendall at Greenville, S.C., Rosenblum at Robins Field, Ga., John Goldcamp at Ft. Benjamin Harrison in Indiana, Lew Shensa at Camp Gordon, Ga., Luke Reed and Pete Boyle were in the Officer's Training School at Miami Beach.

Secretary McKelvey reported that there were 231 active members in the Society with 64 in military service. The ones at home were feeling the strain.

THIRTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1952

State dues were raised \$5.00 to \$20.00 but Council decided to handle the increase without raising dues.

Dr. Armin Elsaesser died. He was a pioneer goitre surgeon, trained under the famous Dr. Koch before he came here from Switzerland. His portrait hangs in the Hitchcock Auditorium at the South Side Unit.

The Defense Department asked Selective Service to provide 544 physicians for the armed services by January. Since July, 1951, 3,238 physicians had been called for service in the Korea police action.

TWENTY YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1962

President Stertzbach said: "Apathy is the chief menace of any Society."

The Board of Regents of the American College of Chest Physicians adopted a resolution declaring its belief in a connection between cigarette smoking and various pulmonary and cardiovascular conditions.

New members were: John James Anderson, Henry Paul Bauer, Jr., Harold Paul Hassel, Englebert Hecker, Nicholas G. Kastellorios, Paul Edward

Longaker, Angelo Riberi, John Glass McConahay, Michael Joseph Vuksta and John Melnick, Jr.

The poetry and philosophy of the late W. D. Coy were published by Dorrance and Company of Philadelphia under the title "Leaves of Life". Dr. Coy was a much loved contributor to the *Bulletin* during his later years.

The Health Department reported no cases of polio, diphtheria, typhoid or smallpox but 23 new cases of gonorrhea and 3 of syphilis.

The new morality was in full swing.

TEN YEARS AGO — DECEMBER 1972

Attended only by a small group of sentimentalists, the true observance of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Mahoning County Medical Society took place on Monday, November 13, in Dr. Woodbridge's cabin in Mill Creek Park.

In 1872, on November 13th in the evening, ten physicians met in Youngstown and called themselves the Mahoning County Medical Society. One hundred years later, on the same day, at 8:00 p.m. Dr. Henry Holden, Dr. John Melnick, Dr. Jack Schreiber, Dr. R. L. Jenkins, Dr. H. S. Banninga, Dr. Abdul Hafiz and Howard Rempes gathered in the cabin of the man who was the first president, to reminisce, to speculate, and to drink a toast to the outstanding physicians of the past.

In honor of Dr. Timothy Woodbridge, his picture was displayed on the mantelpiece, flanked by two candles. It was a solemn occasion - a time in history that will not be repeated until the year 2072. And it did not pass unobserved.

Editor Melnick did an editorial biography of Dr. C. A. Gustafson and of Dr. Stewart G. Patton, Sr. Dr. Gustafson was Ohio 6th District Director from 1952 to 1959. Dr. Patton, a pioneer in the valley, served as Health Commissioner from 1937 to 1957. His two-room office is now on permanent exhibit in Pioneer Village at the Canfield Fairgrounds.

Dr. Lawrence Segal died in Miami, Florida, at the age of 80. He was a hard-working practitioner who had his office at 701 Himrod Ave. Before he retired, he took in a young associate, Dr. "Jake" Stechschulte as his partner.

New Intern-Resident members that month were Dr. Marina U. Allian, Barbara S. Drabkin, Dr. Lorenzo M. Farolan, Dr. Mario S. Mercader, Dr. Mullangi Sundara Rajan and Dr. Avutu Rama Gopala Reddy.

Dr. L. George Coe and Dr. Herman S. Zeve were awarded 50-year pins at the December meeting by Dr. Maurice Lieber, 6th District Councilor.

There were 296 active members, 22 associate members, 27 honorary members and 21 non-resident members. But attendance at the meetings was still the number one problem.

Robert R. Fisher, M.D.

ANNUAL BANQUET IS IN JANUARY

The Annual Banquet of the Mahoning County Medical Society will be held Tuesday, January 18th at the Youngstown Club. The program has become a family affair by tradition. Spouses and friends of members are invited to attend. There will be entertainment and a program to honor the outgoing president and other officers of Council who are leaving office and to install the new officers and Council for 1983.

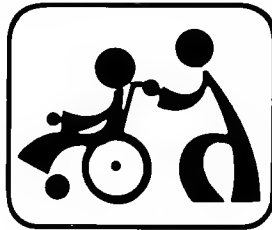
Notification of the meeting will be sent to all offices. The dinner will be at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a social period at 6 p.m. The meeting will begin at approximately 7:30 p.m. Reservations may be made at the office of the Medical Society.

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OLD TIMER DECLARES

Old Timer never had much use for missionaries. When he was a child and his father was working for the railroad twelve hours a day, seven days a week for one dollar a day, his mother took in boarders to help pay the rent. She had a reputation for setting a fine table and at Sunday dinner it was a common thing to see free-loading missionaries at her table, consuming enormous quantities of stewed chicken with hot biscuits liberally spread with fresh butter and honey in the comb, while they told the beautiful stories of the miracles in Galilee and of the horrible fleshpots of Tyre and Sidon.

Later Old Timer studied ancient history and learned about the gods of Rome and Greece, such as Jupiter, Juno, Venus, Apollo and Artemis. They also had demigods, such as Ceres and Aesculapius, who seemed like very nice people. He learned about the Moslems whose strict religion forbade spirituous liquors, about the ancient Hawaiians who were happy, friendly people with beautiful bodies until the missionaries came and made them wear Mother Hubbards to conceal their nakedness. The ancient Chinese invented gunpowder and rockets and used them for beautiful displays but never to kill mankind. The Mexicans were timid, gentle people until the Spanish came to erect crosses and steal their gold to take back to Europe, unless waylaid by pirates such as Sir Francis Drake who confiscated the gold and sank the ships.

Later on, the Germans horrified the world by their bombing of open cities and the United States lost the world's respect when it used the greatest discovery to slaughter 30,000 women and children, as it did at Hiroshima.

It seems to the Old Timer that the current missionary zeal should be redirected inward toward such centers of sin and corruption as New York, Chicago, Las Vegas and Hollywood. Other more primitive peoples have their own religion and should be left undisturbed to enjoy it.

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JAN. 14 — HYPNOSIS "Hypnosis In Hospital Medicine". Harold Wain, Ph.D., Head, Pain Clinic, Walter Reed Army Hospital.

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(*Opthalmicus pneumoniae*), *Haemophilus influenzae*, and *S. pyogenes* (group A beta hemolytic streptococci)

Appropriate culture and susceptibility studies should be performed to determine susceptibility of the causative organism to Cefaclor.

Contraindications: Cefaclor is contraindicated in patients with known allergy to the cephalosporin group of antibiotics.

Warnings: IN PENICILLIN SENSITIVE PATIENTS, CEPHALOSPORIN ANTIBIOTICS SHOULD BE ADMINISTERED CAUTIOUSLY. THERE IS CLINICAL AND LABORATORY EVIDENCE OF PARTIAL CROSS-ALLERGENICITY OF THE PENICILLINS AND THE CEPHALOSPORINS, AND THERE ARE INSTANCES IN WHICH PATIENTS HAVE HAD REACTIONS, INCLUDING ANAPHYLAXIS, TO BOTH DRUG CLASSES.

Antibiotics, including Cefaclor, should be administered cautiously to any patient who has demonstrated some form of allergy, particularly to drugs.

Precautions: If an allergic reaction to cefaclor occurs, the drug should be discontinued, and, if necessary, the patient should be treated with appropriate agents, e.g., pressor amines, antihistamines, or corticosteroids.

Prolonged use of cefaclor may result in the overgrowth of nonsusceptible organisms. Careful observation of the patient is essential. If superinfection occurs during therapy, appropriate measures should be taken.

Positive direct Coombs tests have been reported during treatment with the cephalosporin antibiotics, in hematologic studies or in transfusion cross-matching procedures when amniocentesis tests are performed on the minor side or in Coombs testing of newborns whose mothers have received cephalosporin antibiotics before parturition. It should be recognized that a positive Coombs test may be due to the drug.

Cefaclor should be administered with caution in the presence of markedly impaired renal function. Under such a condition, careful clinical observation and laboratory studies should be made because safe dosage may be lower than that usually recommended.

As a result of administration of Cefaclor, a false-positive reaction for glucose in the urine may occur. This has been observed with Benedict's and Fehling's solutions and also with Clinintest* tablets but not with Tes-Tape* (Glucose Enzymatic Test Strip, USP, Lilly).

Usage in Pregnancy: Although no teratogenic or antifertility effects were seen in reproduction studies in mice and rats receiving up to 12 times the maximum human dose or in fetuses given three times the maximum human dose, the safety of this drug for use in human pregnancy has not been established. The benefits of the drug in pregnant women should be weighed against a possible risk to the fetus.

Usage in Infancy: Safety of this product for use in infants less than one month of age has not been established.

Adverse Reactions: Adverse effects considered related to cefaclor therapy are uncommon and are listed below.

Gastrointestinal symptoms occur in about 2.5 percent of patients and include diarrhea (1 in 70) and nausea and vomiting (1 in 90).

As with other broad spectrum antibiotics, colitis, including rare instances of pseudomembranous colitis, has been reported in conjunction with therapy with Cefaclor.

Hypersensitivity reactions have been reported in about 1.5 percent of patients and include morbilliform eruptions (1 in 100), pruritus, urticaria, and positive Coombs tests each occur in, less than 1 in 200 patients. Cases of serum-sickness-like reactions (erythema multiforme or the above skin manifestations accompanied by arthritis/arthralgia and, frequently, fever) have been reported. These reactions are apparently due to hypersensitivity and have usually occurred during or following a second course of therapy with Cefaclor. Such reactions have been reported more frequently in children than in adults. Signs and symptoms usually occur a few days after initiation of therapy and subside within a few days after cessation of therapy. No serious sequelae have been reported. Antihistamines and corticosteroids appear to enhance resolution of the syndrome.

Cases of anaphylaxis have been reported, half of which have occurred in patients with a history of penicillin allergy.

Other effects considered related to therapy included eosinophilia (1 in 50 patients) and genital pruritus or vaginitis (less than 1 in 100 patients).

Causal Relationship Uncertain: Transitory abnormalities in clinical laboratory test results have been reported. Although they were of uncertain etiology, they are listed below to serve as alerting information for the physician.

Hepatic: Slight elevations in SGOT, SGPOT, or alkaline phosphatase values (1 in 40).

Hematopoietic: Transient fluctuations in leukocyte count, predominantly lymphocytosis occurring in infants and young children (1 in 40).

Renal: Slight elevations in BUN or serum creatinine (less than 1 in 500) or abnormal urinalysis (less than 1 in 200) (1002B1R).

*Many authorities attribute acute infectious exacerbation of chronic bronchitis to either *S. pneumoniae* or *H. influenzae*.

Note: Cefaclor is contraindicated in patients with known allergy to the cephalosporins and should be given cautiously to penicillin-allergic patients.

Penicillin is the usual drug of choice in the treatment and prevention of streptococcal infections, including the prophylaxis of rheumatic fever. See prescribing information.

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